

# Report from Hybrid TM Study Committee



presented by Co-Chairs, Alex Bagnall and Rebecca Gruber

Established per vote of Spring 2023 Special Town Meeting

Charge:

- Review other towns' hybrid TM practices and technologies
- Evaluate hybrid TM legal, policy, procedural, social, and access issues
  - Include impact on community interest in serving as TMM's
- Evaluate and recommend potential technology approach, including budgetary impact
- Support implementation as required

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First convened in November 2023, hybrid meetings held monthly

Work to Date

- Attended Lexington's hybrid town meeting
  - Will follow-up with outstanding questions regarding technology details, costs, design and rollout experience, etc.
  - Plan to attend other towns' hybrid meetings, e.g., Belmont, Burlington, Brookline
- Evaluated current and pending governing State legislation

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Work to date (cont'd):

- Designed surveys to assess opinions, concerns, and potential usage of remote TM access, to four groups:
  - Current and former TMMs
  - Past users of the Town Meeting Remote Room
  - Community at large

Survey current TMM: <https://forms.gle/Vomh4fkiaSrALHd7A>

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Timeframe of possible hybrid technology rollout for Arlington Town Meeting is to be determined. Impacted by:

- Technology selection
- Budgetary/contractual issues
- Existing Town bylaws

Committee Web Page: [tinyurl.com/HybridTMSC](https://tinyurl.com/HybridTMSC)

**Committee Members:** Alex Bagnall, Town Meeting Member; Kerrie Fallon; Pete Gast, Town Meeting Member; Rebecca Gruber, Town Meeting Member; Guillermo Hamlin, Town Meeting Member; Steve Storch